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SUBJECT: VISIT TO THE U.S. BY MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIALS

BEGIN SUMMARY: SAG MINISTRY OF HEALTH PLANS TO SEND  
A DELEGATION TO THE U.S. DURING MARCH OR LATER. REQUEST  
COMMERCE AND CU/NEA COOPERATE TO ARRANGE VIP PROGRAM  
FOR THE GROUP. END SUMMARY:

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR  
OF PLANNING FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, RASHED AL-BAKER,  
WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH WITH ITS ENORMOUS PROGRAMS AND  
PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS PLAN, HAS EMBARKED ON  
A PROGRAM OF MUTUAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE HEALTH  
AUTHORITY IN THE KINGDOM AND HEALTH OFFICIALS AROUND  
THE WORLD. SINCE YOUR COUNTRY IS TAKING A LEADING  
ROLE IN SOME OF THE AREAS IN THE HEALTH FIELD, THE  
MINISTRY DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATION HEADED BY H.R.H.  
SAUDI BIN ABDUL MOHSIN AND THE HEADS OF THE FOLLOWING  
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1. DR. SAMER ISLAM, CURATIVE DEPT.

2. MR. RASHED AL-BAKER, DEPT OF PLANNING  
MR. ABDUL ISSA, DEPT OF PLANNING
3. MR. MANSOUR AL-GHOSHIAN, FOLLOW UP COORDINATION DEPT  
MR. DARRY AL-RASHIED, FOLLOW UP COORDINATION DEPT
4. MR. NASSER AL-MOTAWA, ENGINEERING DEPT  
MR. ABDUL AL-KRADIES, ENGINEERING DEPT

THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH 1975 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP, HOWEVER WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE EXACT DATE OF OUR ARRIVAL AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULE IS SET. PLEASE MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE AGENCIES INVOLVED."

2. ABOVE (ADDRESSED TO THE "CULTURAL ATTACHE") WAS OBVIOUSLY A FORM LETTER, INDICATING THAT THIS DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM AND PRESUMABLY WILL DEPEND ON THE REACTIONS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

3. SUGGEST THAT COMMERCE WORK TOGETHER WITH USIA IN ARRANGING A PROGRAM FOR THIS DELEGATION INVOLVING BOTH THE PROFESSIONAL AND INDUSTRY SEGMENTS OF THE MEDICAL FIELD. EXPECT THAT THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN COOPERATING: WHITTAKER CORPORATION, LOS ANGELES (ATTN: JOSEPH ALIBRANDI, PRESIDENT); HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE; AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATES FOR HEALTH, P.O. BOX 38, NORTH SCIETUATTE, MASSACHUSETTS (ATTN: DR. ROGER NICHOLS). THE FIRST TWO HAVE LARGE HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS IN SAUDI ARABIA (THOUGH NOT WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH), WHILE THE LATTER, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF HARVARD, JOHN HOPKINS AND AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT MEDICAL PEOPLE, IS A CONSULTANT TO THE MINISTRY.

4. SAG PLANS FOR HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT INVOLVE VERY LARGE EXPENDITURES AND ENCOMPASS HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION, A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PROGRAM, AND MEDICAL EDUCATION. THUS A VIP TREATMENT FOR THIS DELEGATION WILL BE VERY USEFUL BOTH FOR COMMERCIAL REASONS AND FOR STRENGTHENING HUMANISTIC BONDS BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA
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AND THE U.S. THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION, PRINCE SAUD BIN ABDUL MOHSIN IS THE SON OF GOVERNOR OF MEDINA AND NEPHEW OF KING FAISAL.

5. DURING PREVIEW MEETING OF U.S. SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN JANUARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY MET WITH PRINCE SAUD ABD AL MUHSIN WHO FEELS COMMISSION SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN HEALTH FIELD,

PARTICULARLY IN ADMINISTRATIVE AREA. EMBASSY  
RECOMMENDS COORDINATION OF PRIVATE AND USG EFFORTS  
IN PUBLIC HEALTH, HOSPITAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS  
WITH CAGNE WORKING WITH HEW AND JOINT COMMISSION  
ON PROBLEM. THIS IS MAJOR VISIT BY SAUDI HEALTH  
PROGRAMMERS FOR NEXT FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM. PRINCE  
SAUDI ABD AL MUHSIN CONFIRMED TO ECONOMIC COUNSELOR  
JAN 18 HIS OWN PERSONAL INTEREST IN MEETING WITH  
KEY USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON.  
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